

The Parish of
Kildwick, Cononley & Bradley



Annual Meeting Documentation 2025

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Opening Prayer
2. Attendance and Apologies for absence
3. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 11th May 2025
4. To elect four representatives of the parishioners as Churchwardens
5. Close of meeting

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 11th May 2025
2. To receive a report on the revision of the Church Electoral Roll
3. To receive the Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parish Church Council for the year 2025 (which must previously have been approved by the PCC)
4. To receive the Financial Statements of the PCC for 2025 (which must previously have been approved by the PCC)
5. To receive a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches
6. To receive a report on the proceedings of the South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery Synod in 2025
7. To receive a report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer
8. To elect five members* of the Electoral Roll to serve on the PCC
9. To elect two members of the Electoral Roll to serve as Deanery Synod representatives for the parish
10. To appoint an independent examiner to the PCC until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2027
11. To vote on the parish charities 2026/7
12. Date of next APCM
13. Close of meeting

* from Bradley, one to serve until APCM in 2028 and one to serve until APCM in 2029; from Cononley, one to serve until the APCM in 2027, and one to serve until APCM in 2029; from Kildwick, one to serve until APCM in 2029.

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on
Sunday 11th May 2025 at St Andrew's, Kildwick.**

This meeting followed the Parish Eucharist, led by Revd Mike Green, at which Tim Lee from CMS Jigsaw gave the address. The Vicar's Report was given before the start of the meeting. This report is not a legal requirement, but reflects on the important challenges and achievements of the previous year.

1. Opening Prayer was led by the Revd Mike Green.
2. Attendance: Albert Bonham, Joyce Bonham, Katherine Calvert, Tim Chapman, Sylvia Clark, David Clarke, Elsie Clarke, Janet Clifford, Esther Green, Lukas Green, Jane Hall, Robert Hall, Sue Hargreaves, Daniel Hipwell, Anne Hunt, John Lancaster, Pauline Link, Joan E. McCartney, Ann Mosley, Gillian Nelson, Lance Peake, Mary Peake, Geraldine Sands, Rodney Tickner, Janet Wade, Margaret Wainwright, Sandie Walton, June Whitaker, Chris Wright and Jill Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Christine Anderton, Elspeth Barfoot, John Barfoot, Eileen Boothman, Ian Boothman, Dorothy Braime, Brenda Brock, Christine Hutchinson, Sue Lancaster, Mary Peet and Andrew Symonds.

3. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 23rd May 2024: these had previously been circulated. It was proposed by Rodney Tickner, seconded by Albert Bonham and agreed (with one abstention) that they be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.
4. To elect four representatives of the parishioners as Churchwardens: four nominations had been received. Robert Hall, proposed by Jane Hall and seconded by Anne Hunt, Joan McCartney, proposed by David Clarke and seconded by Rodney Tickner, Janet Wade, proposed by Andrew Symonds and seconded by Elsie Clarke and Sandie Walton, proposed by Anne Hunt and seconded by Rodney Tickner. No other nominations had been received and Revd Mike Green declared the four elected unopposed, thanking them for their willingness to continue in the role. There was no other business and the Revd Mike Green declared the meeting closed.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church meeting held in St Andrew's, Kildwick on May 11th 2025, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Attendance and apologies for absence were as at the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 23rd May 2024. These had previously been circulated. It was proposed by Sandie Walton, seconded by Jane Hall and agreed (with one abstention) that they be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.
2. To receive a report on the revision of the parish's Electoral Roll: the Electoral Roll had been completely renewed for this meeting. The published report had documented a Roll of 46; however, another application had been allowed on appeal, so the Roll stands at 47. Any subsequent applications can be approved at a meeting of the PCC.
3. To receive the Annual Report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council for 2024: this had been approved by the PCC and circulated with the other APCM documentation. There were no questions.
4. To receive the Financial Statements of the PCC for 2024: these had been approved by the PCC and circulated with the other APCM documentation. No questions had been received prior to the meeting. Mike noted that our income at the end of December 2024 was £62,000 less than the previous year. This was because of expenditure on the roof at St Andrew's, the necessary repairs to the organ at St John's and the purchase of a nave altar at St Andrew's. This last had been paid for by a legacy from the late Kathleen Awty. Mike said that our finances were roughly on an even keel, with a budget surplus forecast of £2000. Mike asked parishioners to look at increasing their giving, though understanding that this may not be possible.
5. To receive a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches: this report had previously been circulated and there were no questions.
6. To receive a report on the proceedings of the South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery Synod in 2024: this report had previously been circulated and there were no questions. Mike noted that in the future, the Bradford Episcopal Area Forum is being revamped and it will be included as a Deanery Synod meeting. Elections of new representatives to the Deanery Synod will take place next year.
7. To receive a report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer: this report had previously been circulated and there were no questions. Mike commended

Geraldine Sands (PSO) for the tremendous job she continues to do, particularly in the face of the light shone on safeguarding in the national church.

9. To elect two members of the Electoral Roll to the PCC (one from St Mary's and one from St John's) to serve until the APCM in 2028. No nominations had been received.

10. To appoint an Independent Examiner to the PCC until the APCM in 2026: Mike said that he hoped Tom Relton would be willing to act in this role for another year. Tom Relton's re-appointment was proposed by Janet Wade, seconded by Rodney Tickner and agreed with one abstention.

11. The date of the next APCM was confirmed as Sunday 26th April 2026.

There was no other business and the meeting closed as we prayed the words of The Grace.

Electoral Roll Report

The new Kildwick, Cononley & Bradley Electoral Roll shows a total of 58 members. This is up from the old roll figure of 47.

Christine Anderton

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods & Ornaments of the Church 2025

Our thanks go to everyone who, by giving their time and by sharing their skills, ensure that St. Mary's, St. Johns and St. Andrews churches remained special places to both worship and socialise in during the last 12 months, and places where a welcome is always present.

The churches have been regularly monitored to ensure they are maintained to the best possible standards.

St. Andrews The church was closed for a month whilst the Chancel roof was repaired, so now no netting! We did secure grants for most of the costs and therefore took the liberty of replacing some of the lighting whilst the scaffolding and builders were around – now we can see to read the service sheets.

The kneelers and seat cushions were inspected and the moth-eaten, torn, stained ones were disposed of, which led to the choir vestry being tidied as it had become a dumping ground. Thanks to all involved.

We do now serve refreshment after services.

There were a number of concerts held which were well attended.

Comments in the visitors' book are good, most folk commenting that they are glad to see a church open. The Sunday visitors also appreciate the fact that David plays the organ and gives a guided tour of the church and the organ. Thank you, David.

The card machine has proven to be a boon to most visitors, especially guests at baptisms, weddings and concerts.

However, we are not standing still, there are plans afoot for the next stage of re-ordering the church to include heating, water and kitchen facilities as and when funds permit, so fingers crossed.

Fabric and Ornaments are in good condition. The Terrier is up to date.

St Mary's Bradley – There have been no additions to the goods and ornaments of the church over the past year.

The Quinquennial report received in Autumn 2024 highlighted a number of issues with the church building (eg perished plasterwork, decayed woodwork and defective rainwater goods) which are more urgent and concerning than we had previously thought. It will cost a considerable sum of money to rectify those problems which need immediate attention, and further investigations may very well reveal other issues which will be costly to repair.

In view of the lack of available funds to undertake these works and the continuing maintenance needed, the PCC has come to the difficult decision to request the closure of the St Mary's building for worship, which request the diocese has approved. The last service was held on the 15th of February 2026 and, save for the church ornaments, the building has now been cleared and will be put up for sale in due course. The diocese is to give directions on the relocation/disposal of the ornaments of the church.

Arrangements have been made with the methodist chapel in Bradley for Church of England services to be held in their building on a fortnightly basis, the first service having taken place on the 1st March 2026.

St. John's Cononley - The Fabric, Goods, and Ornaments of the Church are all in good condition. All the usual checks on items needing an annual inspection have been made. The Churchyard trees have been inspected by a local tree surgeon and the grass has been mown 6 times during the year. The lightning conductor has also been checked alongside the gutters being cleaned.

One of our members organised a flower arranging demonstration which was well received and at the same time raised much needed funds.

Two volunteers from the Wildlife group in the village held a concert to raise funds to buy crocus bulbs for the churchyard, these were planted in the autumn.

Finally, and most importantly, we can't forget those who look after the church both inside and out throughout the year – the gardeners, the cleaners, the bell-ringers, the intercessors and readers, flower arrangers, welcomers and those who assist at communion. Many of you may be unseen but your work does not go un-noticed - our grateful thanks to you all.

Churchwardens: Robert Hall, Joan McCartney, Sandie Walton and Janet Wade

South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met three times during 2025; once via Zoom and twice face to face.

In February the Synod met via Zoom, with a presentation from Hilary Davies on her visit to the Middle East through the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. This gave a detailed and thought-provoking insight into life in the region and the work of the programme. There was also discussion around Diocesan Synod elections and a vacancy in Silsden.

In June the Synod met at St Andrew's, Kildwick. Members were welcomed by Rev'd Mike Green, who spoke about the life of the parish, including the significant roof works and growing community engagement. The main presentation was given by Revd Canon Sean Robertshaw, Diocesan Director of Vocations, who spoke on the theme of vocation, prompting discussion about calling and ministry across the deanery. Elections to Diocesan Synod were also confirmed.

In October the Synod met at St John's, Ben Rhydding. After an opening welcome and worship, Rev Steve Proudlove, Director of Ministerial Formation and Development, gave a presentation on training opportunities within the Diocese, followed by a time of questions and discussion. Administrative matters were addressed, and there was conversation about future topics for Synod, including Anna Chaplaincy, new worshipping communities, and the use of digital tools in ministry.

Rev'd Mike Green

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a central part of the life and ministry of our parish. Our shared commitment is to ensure that our churches continue to be safe, welcoming, and supportive places for everyone — particularly for children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

I am pleased to report that during the past year there have been **no safeguarding incidents or concerns raised within the parish**. This is encouraging and reflects the care, attentiveness, and responsibility shown by those who serve and participate in the life of our churches.

Throughout the year we have continued to follow the **Church of England safeguarding policies and procedures**, including the *Safeguarding eHandbook* and the *Promoting a Safer Church* policy. Appropriate safeguarding measures remain in

place across our activities, and we continue to work in partnership with the Diocese to ensure that our practices remain up to date.

Safer recruitment procedures are followed where required, safeguarding training is completed in line with diocesan expectations, and DBS checks are maintained for those in relevant roles. Safeguarding information and contact details remain available within our churches so that any concerns can be reported appropriately should they arise.

Safeguarding is not simply about policies and procedures; it is about the culture of care that reflects the gospel itself. A safe church is one where people are valued, respected, and protected. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to this — clergy, PCC members, volunteers, and the whole congregation — for their attentiveness and their commitment to creating communities where people are looked after with compassion and integrity.

In particular, thank you for your **continued gospel work of loving your neighbours**, shown through the many acts of care, welcome, and kindness that take place week by week in the parish.

Safeguarding remains a shared responsibility, and we will continue to review our practices so that our churches remain safe places for all.

Parish Safeguarding Officer - Elizabeth Evans, and Rev'd Mike Green

Tea and Toast

Tea and Toast meets on the first Tuesday each month except January and August at St John's Church Cononley.

Church is open for drinks and something toasted between 10-30 and 12 noon. We also have activities for younger visitors.

I would like to thank everyone who supports us and especially a big thank you to those who help run this group.

Everyone is very welcome please call in for a drink and a chat.

Janet Clifford

JAM

JAM (Jesus and Me) has continued its outreach to young families during the past year, and we have seen a significant and encouraging increase in attendance. Since Rev'd Mike has begun regularly visiting Cononley School, numbers have grown dramatically, with many more families now joining us and a stronger sense of continuity between sessions.

We have gathered at key points through the year — including Easter, June, early November, and the very popular Christingle services — and it has been wonderful to see both new faces and returning families becoming more familiar with church life.

The team of leaders consists of Janet Clifford, Mary Peet, Joan McCartney, and Esther Green, supported by a number of very helpful volunteers who assist on a more ad hoc basis.

Looking ahead, 2026 promises to be an exciting year as we continue to build a more regular pattern of sessions and nurture these growing relationships. Additional volunteers would be very gratefully received as this work continues to develop.

Esther, Janet, Joan and Mary

Kildwick Ringers

Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement as I took over the reins (ropes!) as Tower Captain. I had some big shoes to follow. Thanks too to Chris for all his help and support over this past year. I now know how much work he put in - and still does.

It's been a good ringing year.

We continue to ring for Sunday services each week, even with our new very early 8.30 start in alternate weeks! We have also rung for 2 Christmas services, 3 weddings, our first baptism and joined in the national ringing for VE and VJ 80 Days.

We have welcomed 4 new ringers to the tower, 3 ex mini-ringers, Sydney, Georgia and Esmee and Sue. They're all progressing well and will soon be ready join us in the main practices and services.

We have 6 adult and 7 youth members.

We also continue to welcome 1 adult and 2 young ringers from other towers to our practices on a regular basis.

George, Alfie and Erin continue to make great progress with their ringing and have achieved great success with the Tykes. They bring their skills to our practices and support others to progress too.

Thanks to Jane for all her commitment

Daniel began his Steeple Keeper apprenticeship. There have been no major maintenance issues.

Fundraising started with a bang in May with the VE Day 80 celebrations, with £1,167 raised. Our tower tours were also very successful with 70+ climbing the stairs. Erin, Alfie and George conducted the tours with their excellent knowledge of the tower, bells and clock. We followed this with an " open ring " session, with 7 visitors having a go. Kildwick school brought their Y6 pupils for a tower tour.

The pub quiz, raffle and decorations/cards was very successful, raising just over £1,000! Well done everyone

A few visitors have joined us over the year.

The Western Branch gave us a training session, which was very productive.

A visit from a relative of 2 past ringers from our peal boards enjoyed our ringing.

A band visited and achieved a quarter peal.

3 other visitors joined us on a Sunday ring and for Christmas Eve.

2026 and onwards.....

Continue to develop and progress our ringing skills.

Have our 4 new ringers ringing in the main band and for services.

Fundraising is a major priority. Can we beat the 2025 total? There's the challenge. Ideas please.

Arrange a tower ringing trip.

Continue to recruit new ringers.

Gill Berry, Tower Captain

